

STATE OF ILLINOIS



ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

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**2017-2018 Winter Preparedness**

**Policy Session Agenda**

October 25, 2017

Chicago, Illinois

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Illinois Commerce Commission will address winter preparedness by looking to representatives of the gas industry, regional transmission organizations (RTOs), and Illinois local distribution companies (LDCs) to assure Illinois ratepayers that the upcoming winter demand can be met. Accordingly, the Commission will request that panelists respond to questions such as:

- How is the U.S. Natural Gas Market positioned to meet the 2017-2018 winter demand?
- Are there any remaining adjustments that need to be made in the coordination between gas and electricity markets to avoid some of the problems experienced in the past?
- What challenges are the RTOs facing with respect to assuring electric reliability during the 2017-2018 winter months and how are they addressing those challenges?
- Have the LDCs been able to refill gas storage facilities or otherwise assure access to supply for the 2017-2018 Winter?
- What steps are being taken to ensure that customers receive safe, reliable gas supply and customer service for the 2017-2018 Winter?

- I. Welcome Remarks
  - a. Chairman Brien Sheahan, Illinois Commerce Commission
- II. Overview/Importance of Winter Preparedness
  - a. Commissioner Sherina Maye Edwards, Illinois Commerce Commission
- III. National Perspective
  - a. Chris McGill, Vice President, Energy Analysis & Standards, American Gas Association
- IV. RTO Perspective
  - a. Tim Aliff, Director of System Operations, Midcontinent Independent System Operator
  - b. Kenneth Seiler, Executive Director, System Operations & Rich Mathias, Senior Consultant, PJM Interconnection
- V. Illinois LDC Perspective
  - a. Gas Supply: Tim Eggers, Manager Gas Supply, Ameren Illinois
  - b. Energy Efficiency: Chuck Rea, Director Energy Efficiency & Regulatory Analytics, MidAmerican Energy Company
  - c. Customer Service and Outreach: Ellen Rendos, Managing Director Customer Experience, Nicor Gas
- VI. Closing Remarks
  - a. Commissioner Sherina Maye Edwards, Illinois Commerce Commission